



It has been an exciting month for us at Parramatta Mission and I am excited to share some of the impact we have had. During August, we had the honour of participating in Homelessness Week, and contributing to several events that brought together the community in a remarkable display of solidarity. The Mission hosted one of the events on site where we saw over 400 attendees. Our Community Hub Day was a resounding success, offering a platform for individuals to access vital support. We were privileged to feature 15 essential services on-site, each dedicated to assisting those in need whether it might be in accessing legal support, healthy advice through the liver bus, access to housing or something as challenging as getting identification.

None of this would have been possible without the unwavering support of our incredible supporters, the dedication of our hardworking volunteers, and the inspiring spirit of our guests. Together, we are making a real and lasting difference in the lives of the most vulnerable among us. As we move forward, let us continue to stand together, working hand in hand with Parramatta Mission, to build a brighter and more inclusive future for our community.

I am also thrilled to share the exciting news that the past month has been nothing short of a resounding success in terms of fundraising! Throughout the month of August, our community came together in a remarkable display of generosity and support. The dedication and enthusiasm of our donors, volunteers, and supporters have truly made a difference.

During this incredible month, we not only met but exceeded our fundraising goals. Thanks to your unwavering commitment and heartfelt contributions, we were able to secure the resources necessary to advance our mission and make a positive impact on the lives of those we serve.

But it's not just about the numbers; it's about the lives we're touching and the difference we're making. Your donations are helping us provide essential services, support important causes, and create meaningful change in our community.

We want to extend our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you who played a part in our success and impact. Whether you donated, volunteered your time, or simply spread the word about our mission, you've made it possible for us to continue our vital work. Together, we are making a lasting impact, and we look forward to building on this success in the months and years to come. Thank you for being an essential part of our journey towards a brighter future.

Grace and peace,

**Davyn de Bruyn**

General Manager, Community and Fundraising

"BE THERE FOR OTHERS, BUT NEVER LEAVE YOURSELF BEHIND" - DODINSKY



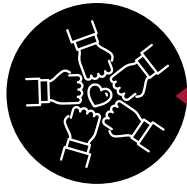
# YOUR JULY & AUG '23 IMPACT

The team at Parramatta Mission are forever grateful for your support!

Our **Meals** build a sense of trust and relationship, that is used to find the necessary **Plus** services to move on to education and employment programs leading to a **Transformed Life**.



11,564 MEALS SERVED



1,186 VOLUNTEER HOURS

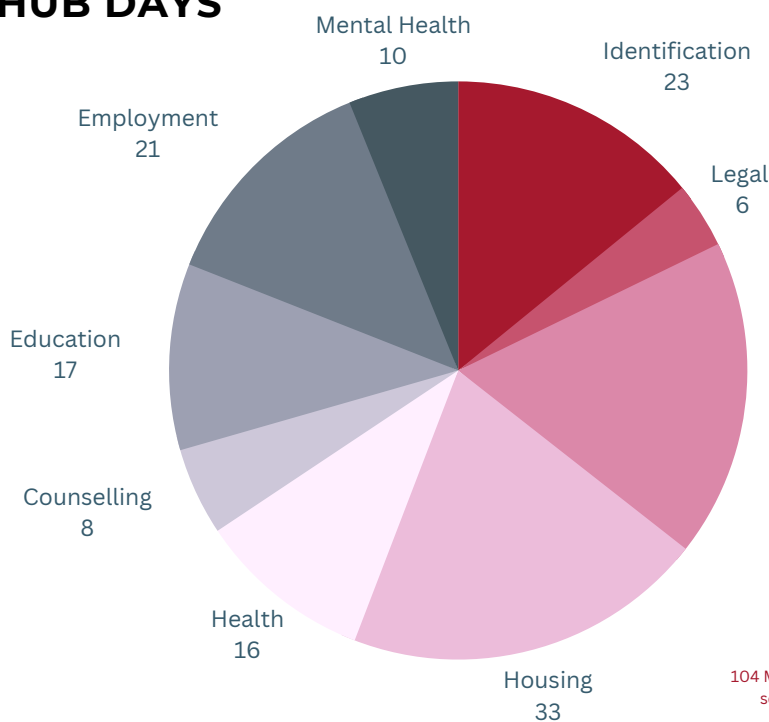


456 SHOWERS & LAUNDRY

\*PARRAMATTA MISSION IS A COMPLETELY UNFUNDED SERVICE LOOKING AFTER THE HOMELESS, AT RISK, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AFFECTED, REFUGEES & DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY OF SYDNEY'S WEST.

## MONTHLY HUB DAYS

(JUL & AUG)



104 Males and 81 Females seeking assistance



1,021 emergency parcels & material aid were handed out containing groceries, toiletries, fresh fruits & vegetables, clothes, nappies and other essentials required.



SMILE OF THE MONTH!







# Homelessness Week

Oh what a week! Last week, 7 Aug - 13 Aug was Homelessness Week and the theme for this year was *"It's time to end homelessness"*.

Quite appropriate considering the week we had with our Community. A week filled with care, support and love from our friends, community members, and local businesses 🙏

**Day 1:** We handed out 250+ hampers with the help of Bryan and the amazing members of the Hillsong Church.

**Day 2:** We kept 🍌's covered and cozy with our 🧣's and 🧤's giveaway!

**Day 3:** Was iconic! We had an amazing HUB Day that was held outdoors whilst the awesome team from HSBC who put on a barbie and ensured all stomachs were full. Shoutout to all the services that came by and helped offer the much-required support.

**Day 4:** We handed out blankets to keep our friends warm and had another special visit all the way from the Caribbeans! Sister Stephnora helped attend and serve lunch today along with our amazing volunteers ❤️

**Day 5:** On the last day of service, we held our Annual Memorial Day where we took the opportunity to pause and remember all our friends who have journeyed with us. As Geoff rightly said, "No one deserves to be forgotten" 🌹

Words will never be enough to share how grateful and appreciative we are for the support from our Community. Whether you've supported financially, in-kind or just being present - it all matters, and for that we say Thank You!







# Brewers Lunch

## The first of it's kind in Sydney:

- Professional Networking
- 2-course meal
- 4 hours of Young Henrys beer types taught
- Stand-up comedian for entertainment
- Charity auction / raffle draw
- and an iconic start to your weekend!

## We're still looking for Auction Items:

- Vouchers / Gift Cards / Tickets
- Discounted Services
- Physical items

**Reach out now to see how best you can support!**

[fundraising@parramattamission.org.au](mailto:fundraising@parramattamission.org.au)



## When

**Friday, 22nd September**

## Where

**Vessel Dining & Bar  
(1 Shelley St., Sydney)**

## Tickets

**Grab your tickets here or  
scan the QR code below.**







**HOMELESSNESS WEEK 2023**  
It's time to end homelessness

**SUNDAY 6TH TO FRIDAY 11TH AUGUST 2023**

|    |                                |                     |
|----|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 6  | HOMELESSNESS WEEK LAUNCH       | 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM  |
| 7  | CUMBERLAND COMMUNITY HUB       | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  |
| 7  | BLACKTOWN COMMUNITY HUB        | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  |
| 9  | PARRAMATTA COMMUNITY HUB       | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  |
| 9  | MT DRUITT COMMUNITY HUB        | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  |
| 10 | CUMBERLAND CONNECTIONS EVENT   | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  |
| 11 | UNITING YOUTH HOMELESSNESS HUB | 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM  |
| 11 | ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE        | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM |

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE TO ATTEND





# Looking for ways to support?



## Corporate Volunteer Day

The best kind of team building experience with a touch of giving back to the community, to know more reach out to Mikhail at [mikhail.chowdhary@parramattamission.org.au](mailto:mikhail.chowdhary@parramattamission.org.au)

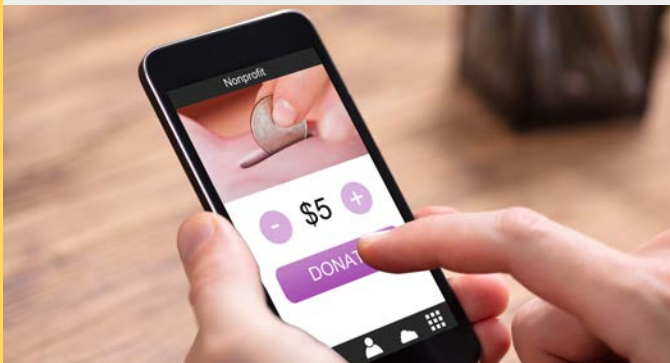
## In-Kind Donations

If you've got clothes in good condition, want to put together a donation drive of pastas, toothbrushes, etc. or even have leftovers after an event, do reach out and see how best we can support the community at [fundraising@parramattamission.org.au](mailto:fundraising@parramattamission.org.au)



## Mission Mate

An amount of just \$50 a month will help feed one individual for a whole week, that's 10 meals for both breakfast and dinner. Help be the change we need today to see a better tomorrow, to become a regular giver follow this link [parramattamission.org.au/donate/](https://parramattamission.org.au/donate/)



## Become a Volunteer

Our volunteers are the beating heart of our organisation. Not only do they sacrifice their time in giving back to the community, they do it with a smile! To know more, contact Chao at [chao.zhou@parramattamission.org.au](mailto:chao.zhou@parramattamission.org.au)



## School Programs

Our children are a reflection of the time we invest in them. They are our future and educating our youth is the best way we will ensure a sounding future for the next generation. To know more, contact Chao at [chao.zhou@parramattamission.org.au](mailto:chao.zhou@parramattamission.org.au)



*"The smallest act of Kindness, is worth more than the grandest intention" - Oscar Wilde*